REMARKS

This Amendment is filed together with a Request for Continued Examination, and entry and favorable consideration of the Amendment is requested prior to that examination. Claims 20, 22, 24, and 26 through 36 are pending following the amendments shown above, which include the addition of new claims 35 and 36.

Independent claims 20 and 22, and new claims 35 and 36, recite among other elements certain closure arrangements for the compartments of the claimed delivery systems. Claim 20 specifically recites, among other elements, that there is a self-opening closure system that seals the front ends of the compartments and opens when the plunger is advanced, and claim 22 specifically recites, among other elements, means for sealing the front ends of the compartments that opens when the plunger is advanced. These features of the claimed delivery systems, taken together with the other elements recited in the independent claims, are not believed to be disclosed or suggested in any of the prior art of record. The respective dependent claims recite further patentable features, and those claims are similarly patentable over the prior art of record.

Applicants also note that U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0060894 (Dai et al.), which was published on March 15, 2007, may not be prior art relative to the present application, which claims and earliest priority date of February 27, 2004. Reconsideration of any rejection that is based on Dai et al. is therefore respectfully requested for at least that reason.

If a telephone discussion with the Applicants' representative would be helpful in resolving any remaining matters related to this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 651-736-4050.

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